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On the whole the Murrayites must regret that they did not organize as Democrats.

It seems to be as hard for the Board of Health to catch a rat-catcher as it would be for a rat-catcher to catch rats.

The Republican party of Hawaii, when it opens up for business on the ground floor, will neither be a piece club nor a branch of a sailors' boarding-house.

If we have paid sanitary inspectors who are doing their duty how could a body lie for five days in a cottage on Fort street, in the heart of the city, and remain undiscovered? What are the paid sanitary inspectors for?

A gossip sketch of noteworthy Senators lately published in New York describes Pettigrew as "the most unpopular." The South Dakotan can always count on a crowd of personal foes but when worst comes to worst he may ever turn hopefully to Hawaii. He has one friend here who loves him for the enemies he has made.

Don Celso Caesar Moreno has achieved a wide publicity at last. His name and picture are in all the Mainland papers attached to a testimonial for patent medicine. The field is one that should be inviting to Bob Wilcox who certainly ought to take something for what ails him and who would be glad enough to tell the public about the effects.

Goo Kim Fui denies that he wants to be Consul for China and does so on the sufficient ground that he has too much else to occupy him. So far as Goo Kim is concerned the present Consul is welcome to stay here until he is called for by his ancestors. It is only otherwise with the highbinder cliques, some of whom are more than eager, apparently, to get in ahead of the ancestors and call him first.

Hawaiian day in the House will be tomorrow, when the Knox bill will pass to a vote. Presumably, the last few days have been given over to a lively discussion of the measure, all of which should be reported in the files to be brought here by the Australia on the 11th. If the Australia leaves San Francisco at the stated time, news of the vote must wait the arrival of the China and Aorangi on the 14th.

REPUBLICAN LOCAL POLITICS.

The attempt to transplant the Republican party to Hawaii naturally failed. So long as these Islands are not organized as a part of the Union and the American suffrage has not been bestowed upon the people, it is taking time too much by the forelock to divide on American party lines. Cooledheart men at last night's meeting saw as much and so guided matters that a club instead of a party was evolved. The party idea promised well on the slate but it came out small in the debates. There was a comical reminder in its fate of the military road that started from Washington in the early 'thirties as a boulevard, became a country turnpike, narrowed to a cowpath, then to a rabbit course and finally dwindled to a squirrel track which ran up a stump.

Even the club is premature but it may, with others, be able to do good in preparing the ground for political seed. As to that, time will tell. So will the precise amount of influence obtained in the club by the element that is in politics for revenue only; for with this class of politicians seed-planting is usually suspended for pipe-laying to go on.

One result of the gathering at Murray hall was to set the fact squarely before the good people of Honolulu and Hawaii that a ring had been formed to run Republican politics here in San Francisco wardheeler style. Men like Turk and Lewis and some others who were in evidence are not to be suspected of any very high ideals in politics. Their point-of-view is purely business-like. Happily their forces were not strong enough to control their own meeting and if the high-minded men in the Republican faith do their duty hereafter, there will be very little chance for the introduction to the party of Barbary Coast political methods or for the elevation, to places of party trust, of Barbary Coast graduates.

The ease with which the would-be bosses were turned down is, we repeat, a fact of most cheerful augury. When the Republican party is ready for organization the work will be done by men who stand among the highest in this community, who have all proper credentials and who are actuated by the desire to make Republicanism in Hawaii not only strong but clean, and worthy, in its aims and leaders, of the fellowship it seeks. There will be no bosses and no machine; and elections, so far as the Republican vote is concerned, will not be "fixed" behind the forge or in the back rooms of any sailors' boarding-house. We cannot answer for the coming Democracy in these respects, but we think we can for the Republican party of the Islands.

A Y. M. C. A. DORMITORY.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Honolulu wishes to build a dormitory where its own members and the visiting members of foreign associations may find board and lodging when such facilities may be required, and at a reasonable price. The managers of the Y. M. C. A. realize that young men whose homes are elsewhere are not always sure of helpful influences when compelled to live in the ordinary hotel or to "board around the district." Their table and veranda associations often neutralize the moral good that is done them at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. It is most desirable, therefore, that a way should be found to house these youths in some comfortable place where they will at least not be dissuaded from clean living, where liquor is neither served nor sold, and where the Y. M. C. A. may extend, without tax or hindrance, such moral home influences as can be imparted to dormitory life. In a word, we are considering the establishment of a Christian hotel for a special class of patrons.

The thing has been done successfully elsewhere, notably in Brooklyn, where association work is very wholesome, and the facilities for it are up to date. Undoubtedly it could be carried out with equal success here. And in speaking of success we mean in a material as well as a moral way. A Y. M. C. A. dormitory, whether built in town or on the Waikiki beach, ought to be able to give its patrons precisely what they need and what the association wants to give, to maintain at the same time a reasonable scale of prices and earn a fair interest on the investment. Touching the latter point, the most practicable philanthropy is that which pays its way and earns something to the good. Enterprises of an institutional sort which have regular deficits to make up, rarely last long; it is those which return a fair interest that survive. The success of the philanthropic idea in the Mills hotels for working-men (in New York) is due to the certainty of three per cent. We see no reason why six per cent should not be returned by a Y. M. C. A. dormitory here. The way to get it, in our opinion, is to demonstrate the pecuniary advantages of the plan and issue bonds for the amount needed. No doubt the bonds would be taken up and many of them, in the long run, returned as gifts to the Y. M. C. A.

Touching the moral advantages of a place where young men may be kept under Y. M. C. A. influences, a hint or two to Honolulu business men—the employers of youth—may be found in the following extract from an address by Hon. James H. Eckels, ex-Comptroller of the Currency, before the Chicago Association:

I know something of the needs of the public service, and I know something of the needs of the world of business affairs. The quality of manhood demanded for both is essentially the same. In a country wholly democratic in every feature, men of integrity of character, sincerity of purpose and purity of individual lives are a prerequisite to stability in government and commerce. There cannot be anywhere good government without good men; neither can there be honesty in business undertakings without honest men. The criticism which can justly be passed upon our men of affairs is a too frequent indifference on their part to the fact that good and honest men do not come into such an estate without being in earlier life surrounded, guarded and drilled in the things which are needful to goodness and honesty. I believe in the doctrine rightly interpreted and understood that each man is "his brother's keeper." I would apply it with especial force to every employer of men in a city wherein are gathered the forces of evil, making the first temptation as attractive as the last is repulsive. He is "his brother's keeper," and the denial of the fact finds in more than one instance fruition in disaster to the employer and disgrace to the employee. The keenest business sense recognizes such conditions, and when conversant with the objects of such an organization as the Young Men's Christian Association grants to it, upon the theory of self-protection in many instances, if you please, a generous support.

The greatest business houses, the largest employers of labor, the best systematized railway corporations have seen the direct benefits of interesting themselves in the things which affect their men outside their hours of labor. They know that a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" character in any employee is not compatible with good service; that a night of debauchery and lowered self-respect does not yield a day of faithful employment and high-minded ambitions, and knowing this it would be a blunder worse than a crime to deny aid to those who are willing to do the work of lessening the city's evils by providing places of clean resort and environments which bespeak Christian virtues and manly sentiments. They must be interested in their employees beyond the mere service of them to themselves or that service will be faulty and unfair.

The appeal which the Young Men's Christian Association from time to time makes to the business men of Chicago is not and ought not to be regarded as an appeal for charity. It is instead the asking for an expenditure on the part of those to whom the request is addressed as legitimate to the furtherance of their business enterprises as that which is incurred for police and fire insurance or any other outlay which has regard for the protection and preservation of their property interests. It is as essentially legitimate and yields as much return as the very money paid to the employee himself. Of necessity it must be made to make of best effect such payment. In short, it is a sum which ought to be set apart each year as an "improvement and betterment fund," and the man who fails to give heed to the call of the association after once being made acquainted with its

merits makes so grave an error as to reflect upon the soundness of his business judgment.

"Places of clean resort and environments which bespeak Christian virtues and manly sentiments"—the more of these there are for young men the better employs the business men will have. Half the argument for a Y. M. C. A. dormitory is in that paragraph.

The quarrel between Frick and Carnegie having been composed, the iron-consuming public will now proceed to get the worst of it.

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

Information for Literary Ladies.
A literary club of women in Michigan asks for certain information of a delicate character concerning members of the United States Senate, which is difficult to furnish, because the answer to every inquiry must be a matter of opinion upon which people may differ. I submitted the question to a jury of well-informed and disinterested men, and give the result of their judgment. Where two names are mentioned the jury was a tie. In all other cases it was either unanimous or gave a majority vote in favor of the person named:

The oldest Senator, Mr. Pettus of Alabama.
The youngest, Mr. Butler of North Carolina.
The tallest, Mr. Allen of Nebraska.
The shortest, Mr. Mason of Illinois.
The handsomest, Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island.
The homeliest, Mr. Tillman of South Carolina.
The most industrious, Mr. Cockrell, Mr. Cullom.
The laziest, Mr. Wetmore of Rhode Island.
The wisest, Mr. Allison.
The witliest, Mr. Vest, Mr. Chandler.
The most learned, Mr. Hoar.
The least learned, Mr. Heitfeldt of Idaho.
The most influential, Mr. Allison.
The most eloquent, Mr. Wolcott.
The most popular, Mr. Jones of Nevada.
The most unpopular, Mr. Pettigrew.
The most frequent talker, Mr. Allen.
The least frequent talker, Mr. Wetmore.
The best debater, Mr. Frye.
The richest, Mr. Clark of Montana.
The poorest, several Senators have nothing but their salary.
The best dresser, Mr. Depew.
The poorest dresser, Mr. Mason.

Keep Tab on the Beggars.

"Charities," a New York publication devoted to philanthropy, furnishes a bit of convincing evidence of the need for investigation and of some measure of system in the giving of alms. The case in point came to the notice of an English society. It is that of a man who was found to have been getting help because of the following catalogue of misfortunes, to the accuracy of which, during the brief period of fifteen months, he had himself vouched on every occasion. He had lost three wives, seventeen children, four fathers and two mothers; had four times been made a bankrupt by a treacherous brother; had once lost his position because he was a staunch Protestant and again because he was a staunch Catholic, and had once been shipwrecked and lost all he had in the world.

Charity Pawnshop Pays.

The Provident Loan Society, New York, has just closed its most successful year since it was organized in 1894. The purpose of the society is "to help the people to help themselves," and during 1899 more than \$1,250,000 was loaned on about 59,000 pledges. Of the loans that matured in that time only 1-3 per cent were not repaid. The net earnings were sufficient to pay all charges, and the reserve fund was increased by \$16,000. The society charges 1 per cent a month for the first six months for loans of sums under \$100, whereas the legal rate and that usually charged by pawnbrokers is 3 per cent a month.

Correcting an Error.

The editor of the Star of Hope, Sing Sing, 1,500, denounces as false the report that "the convict editor of the Star of Hope has been deposed, and that a certain printer has been assigned to the position." The paper, he says, is entirely the inmates' paper, and is edited, contributed to and printed by the inmates themselves. It is strictly an institution journal, conducted by the inmates themselves in every branch.

Mackay's Beneficent Way.

John W. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Company, has adopted a unique method of helping employees who have distinguished themselves in the service. He is ready to distribute among them 10,000 shares of the company stock at the par price of \$100 each. As the stock is now worth from \$185 to \$190, it will be seen that Mr. Mackay is making his employees a present of about \$850,000.

Lawton's Avenger.

William Colombe, an Indian and a private in the Fourth United States cavalry in the Philippines, has written a letter to the superintendent of the Carlisle Indian school, of which institution he is a graduate, saying that he shot and killed the Filipino sharpshooter who shot General Lawton.

Snow as a Gas Saver.

A Philadelphia suburbanite notes that a layer of snow over the country saves thousands of dollars to the people by the saving in gas. Snow is so powerful a reflector that one can see to read at least a half hour longer on account of it, and thus about 15 cents' worth of gas is saved each evening.

Rabbing It In.

An Idaho tramp who was injured on a railroad car while stealing a ride has brought suit for damages, alleging negligence on the part of the employees of the company because, although they knew where he was and that he ought to be put off, they did not put him off.

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